

# **ITINERARY AT GLANCE**

- DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN BALTRA
- DAY 2 TOUR TO BARTHOLOMEW ISLAND BY YACHT
- DAY 3 TOUR TO NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND BY YACHT
- DAY 4 TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT



## **ARRIVAL IN BALTRA**

UPON ARRIVAL AT BALTRA AIRPORT, A GUIDE WILL WELCOME YOU, ASSIST WITH YOUR LUGGAGE, AND ACCOMPANY YOU TO YOUR HOTEL. ON THE FIRST DAY, GUESTS WILL CHECK IN AT THE ROYAL PALM, AN EXCLUSIVE RETREAT NESTLED IN THE LUSH HIGHLANDS OF SANTA CRUZ ISLAND. SURROUNDED BY PRISTINE NATURE, THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL OFFERS UNPARALLELED TRANQUILITY, ELEGANT ACCOMMODATIONS, AND EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE. GUESTS CAN RELAX IN A SERENE ENVIRONMENT WHILE ENJOYING THE UNIQUE COMBINATION OF COMFORT AND NATURAL BEAUTY THAT DEFINES THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

| POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:  | RELAXING AT THE HOTEL                  |
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| DIFFICULTY:           | EASY                                   |
| HIGHLIGHTS & ANIMALS: | STUNNING VIEWS AND PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE |



## **BARTHOLOMEW ISLAND**

BREAKFAST/BARTOLOME ISLAND BOASTS ONE OF THE MOST STUNNING LANDSCAPES IN THE GALAPAGOS, MAKING IT THE MOST PHOTOGRAPHED OF ALL THE ISLANDS. FROM ITS SUMMIT, ENJOY BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF TWO PICTURESQUE BAYS AND STRIKING VOLCANIC FORMATIONS. AT THE ISLAND'S BASE, GALAPAGOS PENGUINS — THE ONLY PENGUIN SPECIES NORTH OF THE EQUATOR — SHUFFLE ALONG VOLCANIC LEDGES, WHILE SEA LIONS LOUNGE ON ROCKY PLATFORMS, READY TO INTERACT WITH PASSING SNORKELERS. BENEATH THE WAVES, VIBRANT SCHOOLS OF TROPICAL FISH WEAVE THROUGH ROCKS SURROUNDED BY SEA URCHINS, STARFISH, AND ANEMONES. A CRESCENT-SHAPED PINK-AND-WHITE SANDY BEACH LIES NEAR THE ICONIC PINNACLE ROCK, OFTEN VISITED BY SEA TURTLES NESTING OR RESTING AFTER THEIR ARDUOUS TASK, THE SNORKELING EXPERIENCE ON THE SCENIC TOUR OFFERS A CHANCE TO EXPLORE THIS VIBRANT UNDERWATER WORLD./DINNER

MODERATE

#### **POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:**

SCENIC TOUR, SNORKELING & HIKING

**DIFFICULTY:** 

**HIGHLIGHTS & ANIMALS:** 

PINNACLE ROCK, MOONLIKE LANDSCAPE, PENGUINS, REEF SHARKS, RAYS AND GREAT COLORFUL FISH



## NORTH SEYMOUR ISLAND

BREAKFAST/ THIS ISLAND IS TEAMING WITH LIFE! YOU MIGHT HAVE TOGIVE WAY TO A PASSING SEA LION OR MARINE IGUANA; BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY NESTS SIT BESIDE THE TRAIL WHERE MATING PAIRS PERFORM THEIR COURTSHIP DANCE. FURTHER ALONG, THE ROCKY SHORE IS INTERSPERSED WITH WHITE SAND, WHILE LARGE FLOCKS OF PELICANS MASS FOR A DIVE-BOMB FEEDING-FRENZY, PAINTING A TABLEAU FROM AGES LONG PAST FOR US. THE TRAIL TURNS INLAND TO REVEAL THE LARGEST NESTINGSITE IN THE GALAPAGOS OF THE "MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD." THESE HUGE, DARK ACROBATS HAVE TWO-METER (6-FOOT) WINGSPANS, AND MALES, WITH PUFFED UP SCARLET THROAT SACKS, SIT PRECARIOUSLY PERCHED IN LOW BUSHES TO WATCH OVER THEIR EQUALLY LARGE CHICKS. THIS IS A WALKING EXCURSION AND INVOLVES UNEVENROCKY TERRAIN. DRY LANDING.

IN THE AFTERNOON, WE VISIT LAS BACHAS BEACH. DINNER.

| <b>POSSIBLE</b> | ACTIVITIES: |
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HIKING, SNORKELING

**DIFFICULTY:** 

MODERATE

HIGHLIGHTS & ANIMALS: BLUE-FOOTED BOOBIES, FRIGATE BIRDS COLONY



# **TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT**

YOU WILL BE TAKEN FROM YOUR HOTEL TO BALTRA AIRPORT.